U.S. assistance for immunisation programme

1865. SHKIMATI KPalSHNA KAUL: WiE the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. Government has offered assistance worth six million dollars for India's immunisa tion programme; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) USAID have indicated their intention to contribute $ 65 million under the Child Survival Health Support Project. Universal Immunisation is one of the components, under the project and, a support to the tune of $ 25 million for the activity has been indicated thereunder. The assistance, when finalised will be channelled through the UNICEF.

Under the Vaccine Action Immunodiagnostic Project, USAID have indicated their willingness to provide assistance to the extent of $ 6 million. This project is lintended to develop vaccine for a wider range of diseases that can De prevented by immunisation programme and also to develop accurate, inexpensive diagnostic techniques for use under the Indian Health care system. Activities to be supported will also include a collaborative research awards programme, a center for acidemiologic research and training and field trials of malaria vaccines. The agreement in this regard has not yet been signed.

Filling the post of Secretary General of Indian Olympic Association

1866. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to fill the post of Secretary General of Indian Olympic Association through election; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET **ALVA:** (a) The post of Secretary General of Indian Olympic Association is not filled by Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Ban on non-iodised salt in Goitre prone areas

1867. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND I FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to \ state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban the sale of non-iodised salt in Goitre prone areas in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) Notification banning the sale of non-iodised salt has already been issued in the following goitre prone areas:

(i) Entire State of Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland, Aruna-chal Pradesh, Mizoram, Sikkim and Chandigarh.

(ii) 20 districts of Uttar Pradesh, 2 districts of Haryana, 12 districts of Madhya Pradesh,

districts of Bihar, 6 districts of Maharashtra, 1 district of Gujarat and 5 districts of West Bengal.

The State Governments of Assam, Tripura, Meghalaya, U.T. of Delhi have als° beeₙ advised to issuₑ notification banning the sale of salt other than iodised salt in their respec tivₑ State/U.T. Similarly, the Government of Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Haryana have also been advised to extend the ban notification to their entire States.

Ban of strike in the hospitals and medical institutes

1868. SHRIMATl KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in vliew of the acute hardship faced by people due to frequent strikes by nurses, doctors or other employees, Government propose to declare Government hospitals in Delhi as essential services; and

(b) if so, what are thₑ details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RE. SOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA 'RAO): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration.

Cb) Does not **arise.**

Strike call by D.T.C. Mazdoor Congress

1869. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased t₀ state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Member Congress of the Delhi Transport Corporation has given notice of an indefinite strike from 1st May, 1987;

(b) if so, what arₑ their demands;

(c) what action Government have takeₙ ₒₙ their demands; and

(d) what are the steps takeₙ by authorities to face the strike by the Delhi Transport Corporation Maz-
j door Congress workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF ! THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE ! TRANSPORT (SHR RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) Delhi Transport Corporation Mazdoor Congress, who had given the notice .of strike, to press for demand of applicability of 4th Pay Commission .recommendations to Delhi Transport Corporation employees, has since withdrawn their call for strike.

Railway accommodation occupied by retired employees

1870. SHRI SHANKER SINH VA-GHELA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is ₐ fact that a aum ber of different types of Governmenl accommodation provided by Northern Railway are occupied by retired rail" way employees in Delhi aₛ well as in other sectors of Northern Railway;

(b) whether in many cases no action has been taken at appropriate level to get these accommodation vacated, if so, what are the **reasons** therefor; and

(c) what action Government pro* poses to take to get such accommodation vacated from reirted railway employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In many of the cases the evic tion proceedings have been started against the staff occupying railway quarters unauthorisedly beyond the permitted period after theiᵣ retire ment and in other cases proceedings are being initiated.

(c) Action as follows is being taken:—<i) Eviction proceedings;